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KUALA LUMPUR: Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) will soon join other Asian utilities in installing a smart and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) device for the Malaysian market.

This would be part of initiatives towards energy sustainability and security.

In a statement, TNB said more than 8.5 million customers in Malaysia would have access to real-time data about their power consumption and be able to make informed choices about energy usage once the device was deployed by the national utility corporation.

"We have completed a smart meter/AMI 'live' pilot project to understand the technologies, regulatory and customer challenges and will be embarking on the AMI on a larger scale in the near future," TNB president-cum-chief executive officer Datuk Seri Azman Mohd said at the AESIEAP CEO Conference 2015 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on Monday.

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Member of the Association of the Electricity Supply Industry of East Asia and the Western Pacific has, since its inception in 1975, worked to foster cooperation and exchange of expertise and technology among entities in the electricity supply industry.

Azman said many countries in the Asia Pacific, notably Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Korea were deploying smart meters on a large scale to leverage its capabilities in grid control and monitoring.

"At the same time, the utilities in the region are exploring value-added services, such as customer energy portals, demand response, enhanced time of use tariff, critical peak pricing, and net energy metering."

Other related aspects on sustainability, such as renewable energy plan and initiative, energy efficiency programme and long-term energy options were also discussed by regional countries' members at the conference, said the statement.

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